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OPTICALLY VARIABLE SECURITY ELEMENT

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OPTISCH VARIABLES SICHERHEITSELEMENT

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ÉLÉMENT DE SÉCURITÉ OPTIQUEMENT VARIABLE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: CA3184610A1] The invention relates to an optically variable security element (12) for safeguarding valuable objects, the surface area of said security element defining a z-axis perpendicular thereto, comprising a reflective surface region exhibiting at least two images (14-A, 14-B) which are discernible from different viewing directions. The reflective surface region contains two relief structures (24, 34) that are arranged at different vertical levels in the z-direction and form a lower-lying and a higher-lying relief structure, each of which is provided with a reflection-increasing coating (26, 36) that follows the course of the relief. The higher-lying relief structure (34) exhibits a first optically variable effect in a first color, and the lower-lying relief structure (24) can be viewed through the higher-lying reflection-increasing coating or through grid intermediate spaces (54) or recesses in the higher-lying reflection-increasing coating (36) and exhibits a second optically variable effect in a second different color. The security element is provided in an inner coating which is provided over the entire surface or in some regions (60) and comprises at least one machine-readable feature substance (62).

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